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The site selection process and safety determination of Yucca Mtn as the nations nuclear waste dump has been tainted from the beginning. No matter how well the DOE sugar coats it, this is one pill the lifelong and new residents of the entire state of Nevada will never swallow. The "sound science" that should be making this determination has been flawed since the decision to study only one site was made in the early 1980's. There are many other suitable sites that "sound science" shows should STILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. Those who say this has not been political are not being truthful. One need only to look at the 1982 law that disqualified promising scientifically sound sites in states with more political clout in Washington D.C. than Nevada. By tossing billions of taxpayer money into one hole, the political elite of nuclear energy rich states have ensured that it must and will be found suitable.

I also find it disturbing that tons of nuclear waste will be transported across thousands of miles of old roads and rickety rail lines. The fact that this has not caused concern with citizens in the mid-west and east coast is equally disturbing. Is the DOE publicizing this fact in these areas the same way they are attempting to make Nevadans feel priviliged for getting to keep this trash? I have seen the disrepair these lines of transportation are in and its not a matter of contamination that concerns me most. It is the loss of life from accidents on these crowded and unsafe lines. One accident, regardless of actual contamination is enough to tangle major lines of transport for days and frighten many to the point that tourism, the life blood of cities like Las Vegas, would be devastated. I have always prided myself on being a patriotic American, but this is one example of our government being "here to help" that embarrasses and disheartens me to the point of being angry. The elected

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